

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

WHEREAS, forty-six years ago, nine African-American students, arrested after being refused service at a segregated public lunch counter, chose to serve time in jail rather than pay a fine; and

WHEREAS, believing in equality for all, the Friendship Nine sought only the basic civil rights afforded all Americans by the United States Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the courage and commitment of these young men played an important part in our nation's history, helping call attention to the unjust system of segregation; and

WHEREAS, today, the surviving members of the Friendship Nine will commemorate their act of courage by being served the meals they did not receive in 1961.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim January 27, 2007, as

### FRIENDSHIP NINE REMEMBRANCE DAY

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to honor the legacy of those who fought to help ensure equal protection of the law for all Americans.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Sanford".

MARK SANFORD  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA